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### WAITE CONFESSES TO LIGHTEN SOUL.

DENTIST SORRY HE BROUGHT  
SHAME TO WIFE AND BLOOD  
RELATIONS.

New York, April 2:—What purports to be a formal confession by Dr Arthur Warren Waite that he murdered his father-in-law, John E Peck of Grand Rapids, is printed this morning by the New York World. The confession is said to be contained in a letter sent to the newspaper by Waite. Accompanying it is another letter signed by Walter Rogers Deuel, Waite's counsel, in which he is quoted as saying Waite desired to make his statement "to unburden his soul somewhat from the heavy load upon it as the only thing he could do in atonement."

The letter said to have been signed by Waite follows in part:

"I have been informed that I have been indicted for the crime of murder in the first degree. I know the punishment is death.

"The indictment is just and the penalty is one that I deserve for I have killed John E Peck.

"I have thought and thought while lying in my bed here in the hospital. I have gone over all the incidents of the past few months of my life, and I have made my peace with my Creator. I now desire to make atonement for the wrong that I have done.

"It is a terrible grief to me that I should have brought obliquity and shame upon my wife and upon the name of my good parents and made my brothers to suffer as they do.

"I am relieved to make this, my confession."

Mr Deuel is quoted as having said he did not advise against the publication of Waite's letter. He is declared by The World to have authorized the statement that Waite had confessed to him that his murder plan included "the killing of Mr and Mrs John E Peck, his wife (Mrs Arthur Warren Waite) and any one else who should happen to stand between him and the Peck millions."

"It is only just to Dr Waite to state," Mr Deuel is quoted as saying, "that he does not now have any realization of what he has done, in my opinion and the opinion of others who have visited him since he was taken to Bellevue hospital. I have said that the defense concedes the murder of Mr Peck. Therefore, as his counsel, I have permitted him to make the statement he did."

Dr Walter's wife, a daughter of John E Peck, has filed divorce proceedings in New York.

John G Law of Spartanburg was elected president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association at Atlanta, Ga, yesterday.

### INSURANCE SITUATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

AN INTERESTING STATEMENT BY  
GOVERNOR MANNING--WILL  
PROTECT ALL CONCERNED.

Columbia, April 4:—"The insurance commissioner has failed in his expectations to provide relief; the warehouse commissioner is about to fail in his efforts to secure the insurance necessary on cotton stored in State warehouses," said Governor Manning today in a statement on the insurance situation.

The Governor a few days ago received a letter from the Hon John L McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, advising him that the "insurance on State cotton is intact, but I do not know how long it may remain so." Commissioner McLaurin urged the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature to provide relief in the present emergency.

The Governor's statement follows: "Before and after signing the Laney-Odom bill I had the assurance from the State insurance commissioner, Mr McMaster, that he could secure all the insurance that was necessary for the protection of the people's property in South Carolina. I see in the afternoon paper an article appearing over Mr McMaster's signature, in which he says in reference to the Laney-Odom act:

"Therefore, unless the law is repealed South Carolina must take care of herself, with the aid of the insurance organizations now doing business here. In my opinion, these organizations will scarcely be able to take care of the best insurable risks which are protected by municipal water-works. Property not so protected must be insured otherwise, and I see no chance for this except in mutual companies. Every thinking individual knows that each class of property must or should pay its own fire losses, whether the insurance be in a stock company or in a mutual. There is no prospect of organizing many stock companies."

"So that Mr McMaster admits has failure to secure the necessary insurance to protect the property of the people of South Carolina.

"In addition to this, State warehouse commissioner, the Hon John L McLaurin, had been assured that the insurance situation could be taken care of, with especial reference to the insurance on cotton stored in State warehouses, the warehouse commissioner advising that, in his judgment, the State warehouse system was amply able to take care of all the cotton stored in the State, and keep it insured in high-class companies.

"Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin, in his letter to me, dated March 30, makes the following statement:

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that any insurance in South Carolina which was cancelled could be placed in New York, but the power of these big companies has been too great for the smaller companies to withstand. There are many good men in the insurance business, but these large companies dominate the situation, and they have appealed to the esprit de corps of the insurance men generally, and are whipping everybody into line."

"He also makes the following statement:

"But the individual is absolutely powerless against these great aggregations of capital, and unless the strong arm of the Government is brought to his relief I see no help."

"This shows that a most serious situation now confronts the people of the State. The insurance commissioner has failed in his expectations to provide relief. The warehouse commissioner is about to fail in his efforts to secure the insurance necessary on the cotton stored in the State warehouses.

"These conditions make it incumbent on me as Governor to act, and I shall without delay use every effort officially and personally to remedy the situation, with due regard to the sovereignty of the State and the interest of all its people."

#### Doings at Dicky Swamp.

Salters, R F D 1, April 3:—Our people are in smiles over the nice rain that is falling. It was certainly needed; we thought so, any way.

Mr A B Spivey attended preaching at Kingstree Sunday.

Mrs Prevatte of Lumberton, N C, is visiting her son, Mr Furman Prevatte near Kingstree, also her brother, Mr A B Spivey.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church on Coleman road, held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon. All officers were present except the president, she having moved to Manning. The vice president, Mrs R D Bradham, presided over the meeting.

Mrs R D Bradham and children spent the week-end with her parents near Greelyville, Mr and Mrs John Richburg.

Mr R D Bradham visited Greelyville Saturday.

Mrs J J Bradham was a Kingstree shopper Saturday. ROSEBUD.

### H. U. KINDER,

Candidate For Sheriff,  
States His Position  
to the People.

To my friends and the voters of Williamsburg county:

This letter is to call your attention to my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of this county and to especially stress the fact that I want and earnestly solicit your support in the Democratic primary in August. In return for your support, I promise, if elected, to perform the duties of this responsible office to the best of my ability and without fear or favor, recognizing at all times the fact that the laws of the great State of South Carolina are made by the people and apply to no special race, class or creed, but to all alike.

For the past four years I have held the office of Coroner of the county and I feel no hesitancy in saying that I have performed the duties of that office faithfully and conscientiously to the best interest of the people.

If I should be elected to the office to which I now aspire, it is my intention to secure and maintain at my own expense, a pack of well trained bloodhounds for use in connection with the office and for the citizens of Williamsburg county as a means of assistance in bringing to justice such culprits as might otherwise escape the law.

Again requesting your vote and your support in my behalf for this office and assuring you in advance of my sincere appreciation, I am,

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